



State of New Hampshire
WATER WELL BOARD



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NH WATER WELL BOARD MINUTES

June 8, 2017

A meeting of the New Hampshire Water Well Board ("Board") was held on June 8, 2017, in the Department of Environmental Services Building in rooms 112 & 113, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Present were: David Hunt, Chairman
Board Members: Peter Caswell, Kelly Dobrowolski, and Steve Guercia
NHDES Staff: Richard Schofield and Andrew Koff

Mr. Hunt brought the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Mr. Guercia and seconded by Mr. Caswell, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the April 21, 2017 meeting.

Kuehn Letter:

Mr. Schofield reported on a letter received from a property owner who was seeking to install a well 26 feet from an existing septic system leach field because the approved location on the approved septic system plan could not be reached with a drill rig. After discussing the site conditions, drilling options and applicable rules, Mr. Guercia motioned for Mr. Schofield to draft a letter to Mr. Kuehn stating that the current well construction rules allow for the well to be drilled 26 feet from the septic system field. This does not address Subsurface System Bureau rules related to the well location. Mr. Caswell seconded the motion, and the Board voted 2-0 (one abstained) in favor of the motion.

Licensing:

The Board considered an application for a domestic pump installer's license for Mr. Bobby Areias with Plumbusters, LLC. Mr. Schofield reported that his application is complete and he has a master plumber's license. Upon motion by Mr. Guercia, and seconded by Ms. Dobrowolski, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application for well pump installer license by Mr. Areias.

The Board considered an application for a domestic pump installer's license for Mr. John McIntyre with MDM Water Service. Mr. Schofield reported that his application is complete. The Board discussed the lapse in license by MDM Water Service since 2011. Upon motion by Mr. Guercia, and seconded by Ms. Dobrowolski, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application for well pump installer license by Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. Koff presented an update to the Board about the ongoing license renewal process. Several out-of-state companies have expressed some concern over registering with the Secretary of State's Office. Pursuant to RSA 482-B:13, the Board voted to grant an extension of up to 60 days for companies to meet the requirements of the NH Secretary of State's office.

Mr. Schofield discussed the pump installer training by Franklin Electric that occurred on May 17, 2017 at NHDES in Concord. The training was well attended and got many good reviews from licensees. There is another pump installer training opportunity at R.E. Prescott Co. in Exeter, NH on Friday, June 30, 2017 from 8 to 10 AM. The Board recommended that Mr. Schofield and Mr. Koff provide additional trainings to licensees on the new rules.

Probation Report

Mr. Schofield discussed the status of licensees who are on probation. Roth Artesian Well Drilling, Judd Goodwin Well Company and Sargent Artesian Wells are required to submit well completion reports from the second quarter 2017 by July 10, 2017. Faxon Well has been submitting reports monthly within the terms of their probation. No action is required for the four companies on probation at this time.

Annual Review Responses:

Mr. Koff discussed the responses to the annual well completion report review letters that were sent out after the previous Board meeting. A letter and well completion reports were received from Valley Artesian Well Co., Inc. No response was received from Tri-State Drilling and Boring. The Board discussed past violations by the licensees and requested that Mr. Koff send a letter to Tri-State requesting their attendance at the next Board meeting.

DES Enforcement Report:

Mr. Schofield, on behalf of Ms. Leah McKenna, presented a report for the Board of enforcement actions initiated by DES for violations of RSA 482-B and the rules of the Board, We 100 - 1000. The report included a general overview of the violations, DES actions, and current status of specific cases handled over the last one to two year period.

Old Business:

Legislation

Mr. Schofield reported to the Board that there has been no activity related to HB 298, which has been retained by the House Finance Committee for further study. The Board will continue to track any future activity related to this bill.

Mr. Schofield also reported on the revisions to the Water Well Board Statute that were discussed at the previous meeting. Next, the Board needs to consider finding a sponsor to take up this matter as a bill. After discussion, the Board decided to suspend activity on this matter until later this year.

Rules

Mr. Schofield presented to the Board a draft flow chart for drilled bedrock well siting and casing requirements. This chart provides guidance for how to handle several common scenarios that are encountered when siting a new well. Mr. Roger Skillings discussed the idea with Mr. Schofield as a tool to help guide drillers to stay in compliance with the new Water Well Board and Subsurface Systems Bureau rules related to setback requirements from septic systems, property lines, and other regulated boundaries. The Board found the flow chart to be a helpful tool and discussed the limitations of its use.

Mr. Schofield also discussed the ANSI/WSC Standard on Pressurized Water Storage Tanks (ANSI/WSC PST-2000/2016). This standard was adopted by reference into the new rules and Mr. Schofield wanted to be sure the Board was aware of the standard and companies whose products meet the standards. The current list of companies that meet the standard include A.O. Smith Water Systems, Amtrol, Flexcon Industries, and Pentair Water Group/Wellmate Division. More information about this can be found on the Water Systems Council webpage:

<https://www.watersystemscouncil.org/resources/well-standards/ansiwsc-pst-2000-2014/>.

New Business:

Updates to the Well Completion Report Forms

Mr. Koff discussed modifying the paper and electronic versions of the well completion report to improve the consistency between the two versions of the report. This includes minor changes to the proposed use, reason for construction, and well type fields. Mr. Koff discussed changing “domestic water supply” to “residential water supply” to improve clarity. Domestic is often over-reported and can include public water supply and commercial wells. The Board discussed having both a ‘gravel’ and ‘overburden’ well type to accommodate both water well and technical drillers.

Board Membership

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Schofield discussed pending changes to the Board’s membership. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Garside’s term are both expiring in September 2017, which means that August 3, 2017 will be their last meeting. Mr. Schofield is planning to retire soon, but not before the next Board meeting. Mr. Scott Costa (Comac Pump and Well, LLC) will be taking Mr. Hunt’s seat on September 15, 2017. There are openings for new Board members for Mr. Garside’s technical driller seat, and Mr. Guercia’s public member seat.

Mr. Schofield presented a letter from the New Hampshire Water Well Association about their Annual Meeting on June 16, 2017 at 3:30 PM at Robbie’s Country Store in Hooksett, NH.

Non-Public Session

Upon motion by Mr. Guercia, and seconded by Mr. Caswell, the Board unanimously voted to enter into non-public session to discuss an update to the licensing exam questions.

After coming out of non-public session, Ms. Dobrowolski motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caswell, and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:05 PM.

Rene Pelletier
Water Well Board Secretary